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For : METHOD FOR REMOVING LEUKOCYTES, LEUKOCYTE-  
REMOVING FILTER AND THE USE THEREOF

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to expire on April 27, 2009, Applicants timely file this response and believe a Request for Extension of Time is not necessary. However, if any fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.